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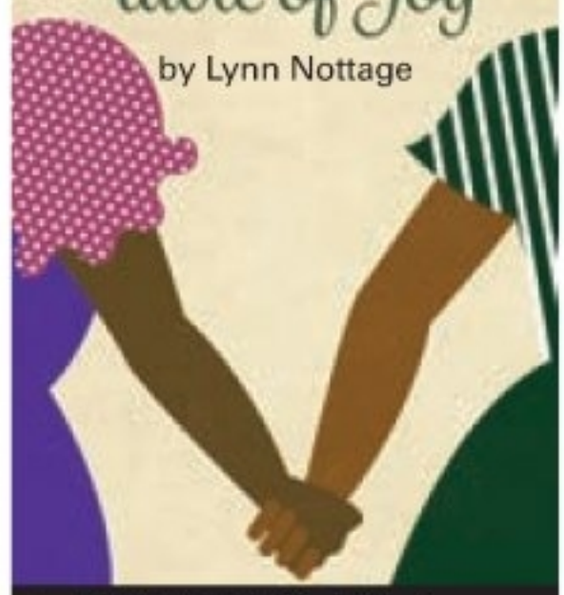

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WOULD-BE REAGAN ASSASSIN RELEASED FROM PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

Would-be presidential assassin John Hinckley Jr. was released from a psychiatric hospital on Saturday, media reports said, 35 years after he shot President Ronald Reagan in an attack prompted by a deranged obsession with the actress Jodie Foster. Hinckley, 61, is moving in with his elderly mother in a gated community in Williamsburg, Virginia, where he has been making increasingly long furlough visits in recent years under the watchful eyes of the Secret Service. A federal judge in July ordered Hinckley's release from St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, finding that he no longer posed a danger to himself or to others. Hinckley was found not guilty by reason of insanity at a 1982 trial and was diagnosed with depression and psychosis, both of which are now in remission, according to his doctors. REUTERS

DOZENS INJURED AFTER PORCH COLLAPSES IN CONNECTICUT

2 Dozens of people were injured on Saturday after a porch crowded with partygoers collapsed in Hartford near Trinity College, authorities said. Between 30 and 40 people were being treated for injuries, none of which appeared to be major, Hartford Police Department Deputy Chief Brian Foley said in postings on social network Twitter. Police and fire responders were aiding the injured. The Hartford Courant newspaper reported that 23 people had been taken to hospitals. "We are very lucky that there were no fatalities and no known critical injuries from what could have been a truly tragic incident," Mayor Luke Bronin said in a statement. The collapse took place during an off-campus party at private housing near Trinity College, Foley said. The third-floor porch collapsed onto the second-floor one, which then fell to the first floor. REUTERS

FRANCE'S PREMIER WARNS OF NEW ATTACKS, 15,000 PEOPLE ON POLICE RADAR

3 French Prime Minister Manuel Valls said on Sunday there would be new attacks in France but proposals by former president Nicolas Sarkozy to boost security was not the right way to deal with threats. The French capital was put on high alert last week when French officials said they dismantled a "terrorist cell" that planned to attack a Paris railway station under the direction of Islamic State. "This week at least two attacks were foiled," Manuel Valls said in an interview with Europe 1 radio and i-Tele television on Sunday. Valls said there were 15,000 people on the radar of police and intelligent services who were in the process of being radicalized. REUTERS

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MERCURY RISING BY MIDWEEK

Bolaris' Weather Watch

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On this day that I'm writing, Sept. 11, and as a native New Yorker, I want to send my prayers to the families of our fallen heroes and to say we will "always remember." Your resiliency is remarkable.

The football season has returned and so has some cooler temperatures after a week of record heat across chunks of the Northeast. The atmosphere is in the relaxed stage after days of the meandering, maddening Hermine, making your Labor Day holiday one that was tough to digest.

Hermine was followed by late season heat and humidity and now a return to more seasonable September conditions as we try to readjust to the work and school grind and packed weekend in the cities once again, as beachgoers become city dwellers.

Temperatures will begin to heat up by midweek, but then a swift moving cool front will usher in a nice, comfy Canadian air mass as the mercury will hover mainly in the very pleasant 70s with low humidity for both Thursday and Friday. Boston, you might actually dip into the 60s on Thursday.

The upcoming weekend will start out dry, however a very moist return flow of air on Sunday will lead to an increasing chance of widespread showers and possibly storms by later Sunday into early Monday.

Keeping an eye on the tropics

A strong disturbance in the eastern tropical Atlantic should become more organized over the next 72 hours and most likely become the ninth storm of the season and take on the name Ian. Long range computer models indicate that if indeed Ian does develop, it should not pose any threat to the coastline of the United States as a blocking high-pressure ridge should deflect it out to sea.

Philadelphia

Today: Sunshine, pleasant, High 80

Tuesday: Sunshine, warmer, High 85

Wednesday: Sun and clouds, much warmer, High 89

Thursday: Bright, blue and beautiful, High 75

Friday: Golden sunshine, 79

Saturday: Dry, warmer, 84

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Three plead guilty to animal cruelty charges in Philadelphia area

A man who left his dog in a sun-baked car, one who didn't treat his dog's medical problems and a cat hoarder were all convicted last week of animal cruelty charges, the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals announced.

Buddy the cat was recently adopted and given a new home after being rescued from "unsanitary conditions" in the Northeast Philly home of Brian Grant. Grant pleaded guilty to keeping 15 cats in his home on the 5000 block of Castor Avenue in Lawncrest, the PSPCA said.

Grant pleaded guilty to one summary count of unsanitary confinement of cats on Sept. 7. On the same day, two other cases were resolved. He was order to pay a $50 fine and is prohibited from owning pets for three months.

PSPCA

John Aleman, of the 1200 block of Passmore Street in Oxford Circle, pleaded guilty to failing to provide veterinary care to his dog, a Shih Tzu mix named Cutie, who was found to have "severe matting leading to skin wounds," the PSPCA said.

Aleman forfeited Cutie to the PSPCA and has been adopted by a new owner. Aleman was ordered to pay a $50 fine and is prohibited from owning animals for three months.

In another case, a man who left his pit bull inside a hot car will get his dog back after pleading guilty.

SAM NEWHOUSE

Pointman Soldiers Heart Ministry Vice President Ari Meretazon speaks about a lawsuit they are filing against City Council in the courtyard of City Hall. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Vet demands Philly open new city office for veterans

A Vietnam veteran said Philly has been skirting its obligations to veterans.

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A veteran who has been walking the halls of City Hall for years claiming veterans are getting short shrift is taking his claims to the courts.

Ari Merretazon, founder of the local Pointman Soldiers Heart Ministry nonprofit, claims that a 1955 provision in the city charter budgeting for an office of veterans affairs with a salaried director has never been followed properly.

There is a veterans commission in City Hall, but Merretazon believes that an office with a paid director could have reached more Philly veterans and helped them reap higher benefits.

"Imagine the millions of dollars that would have been coming to Philadelphia if we had a veteran's office," said Merretazon, 69.

Merretazon's lawsuit demands the city set up a new veteran's office with a paid director, saying they are out of compliance with the law.

Representatives of city government declined to comment on Merretazon's claims. The current Philadelphia veterans' advisory commission is staffed by volunteers and exists to help Philly veterans obtain various benefits.

Nonetheless, as federal Veterans Affairs have been mired in scandal, with Philly branches acknowledging egregious negligence, it's well known that many local veterans are hurting. Merretazon seems to believe an office with a paid director could undo some of the damage.

Merretazon said he first learned about the 1955 charter provision after finding out a war buddy from his 1968 tour in Vietnam with the 25th Infantry division had died of a drug overdose.

Merretazon said he was shocked Philly had no registry of local veterans that listed his friend's next of kin or last known address. He thinks a more dedicated veterans office could have benefitted vets like his friend.

"Maybe he would have been able to get some help," Merretazon said of his friend.

Some sources familiar with Pointman Soldiers Ministry said he founded the organization after getting passed over to lead the veterans' advisory commission, which Merretazon denied.

The lawsuit argues that Merretazon is the perfect candidate for the job and demands lost wages retroactive to the date that he claims he was wrongfully passed over.

"Merretazon has applied for the position of director ... and was interviewed and is highly qualified but was denied the job," the suit stated.

Nonetheless, Merretazon said he is motivated by a desire to help other vets, not a paycheck.

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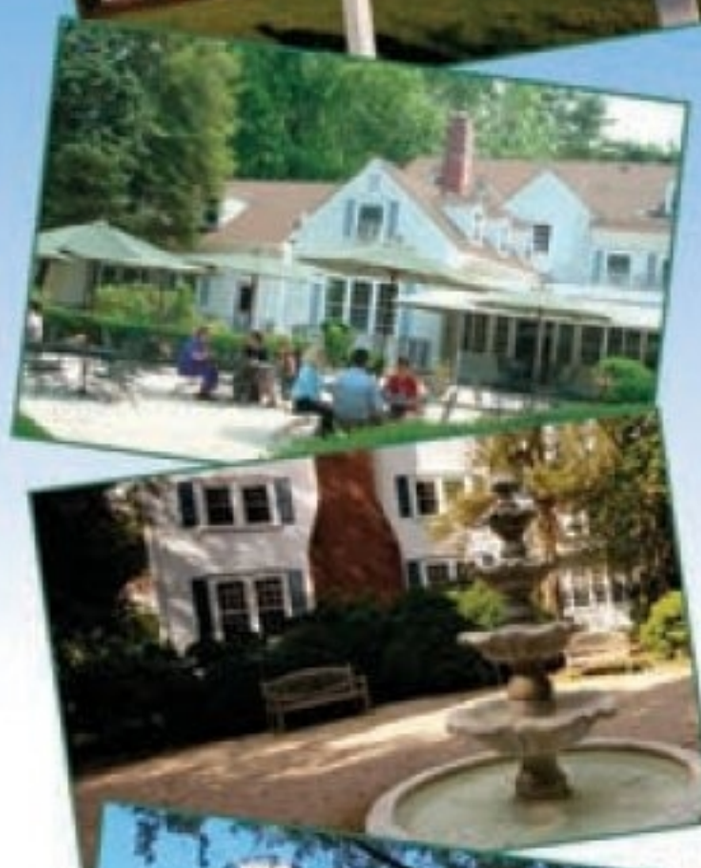

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FBI: Serial bank robber hits Philadelphia area again

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is searching for a man involved in a string of bank robberies, including two in the greater Philadelphia region.

The suspect entered a First National Bank at 201 South Bellevue Avenue in Langhorne, Bucks County, around 1:40 p.m. Friday, brandished a handgun and demanded money from the teller, authorities said. He then fled the area on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash.

FBI

Authorities believe the suspect is the same man who recently hit two banks in New Jersey: a TD Bank in Rockaway Township on Aug. 31 and a TD Bank in Gloucester Township on Sept. 6.

The suspect is described as a 5-foot-3 man with a stocky build and sores on his arms and face. In Friday's robbery, he was wearing a black T-shirt, shorts, sunglasses and a black-and-white baseball hat. He had a black backpack on and wore a black glove on his left hand.

The FBI is urging anyone with information to submit tips at 215-418-4000. A reward is available for information that leads to the suspect's arrest.

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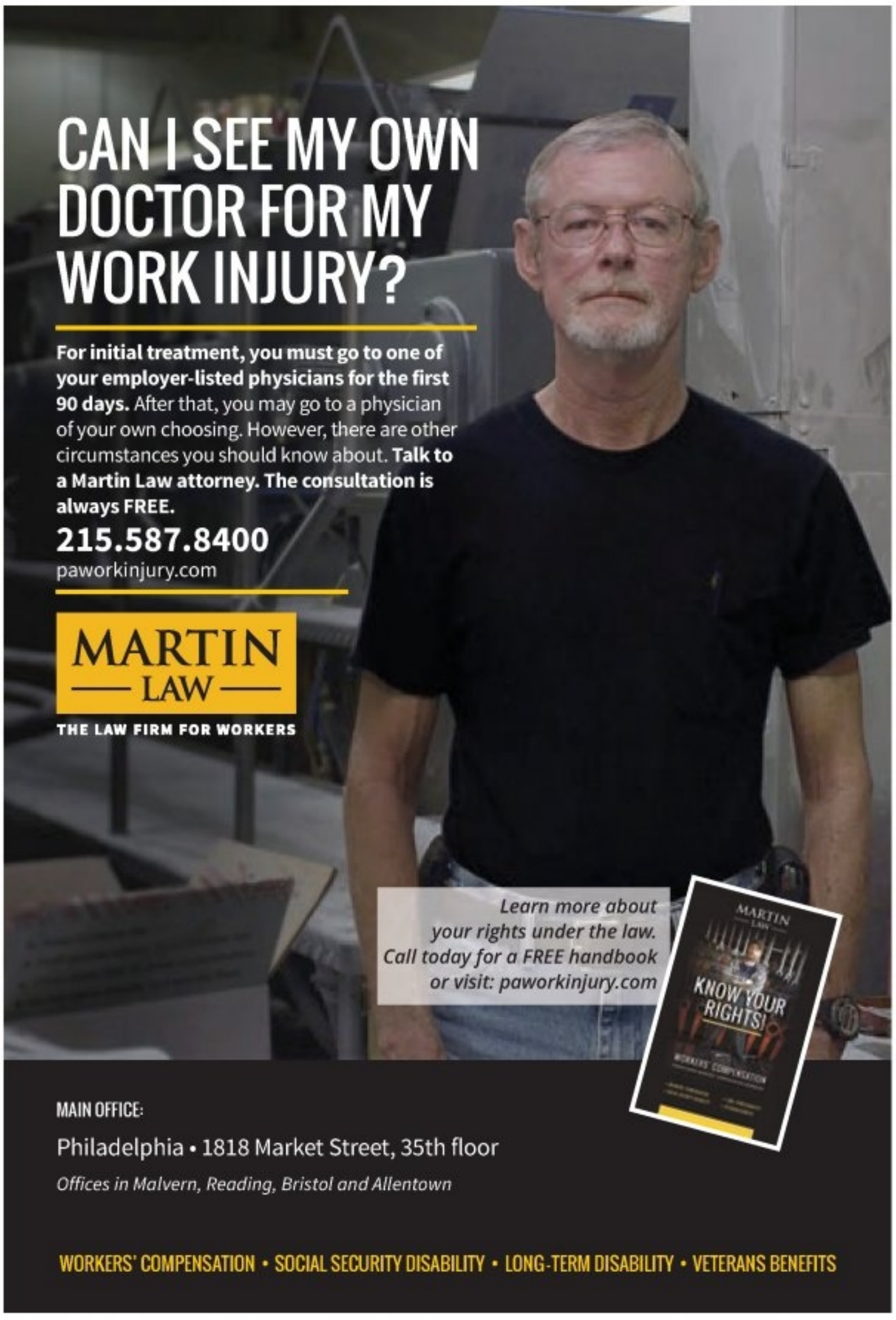
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First sexually transmitted case of Zika reported in Pennsylvania

As of Aug. 29, there have been 95 confirmed cases of Zika in the state.

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Pennsylvania has reported its first case of the Zika virus through sexual transmission, according to the state's health department

A Pennsylvania resident contracted Zika "from a mosquito while traveling outside of the state in an area where Zika transmission is occurring," Secretary of Heath Dr. Karen Murphy said. That person then passed it via sexual transmission to their partner.

"In light of this, we remind residents to practice safe sex, especially if they have traveled to an area with Zika-infected mosquitoes," Murphy added. "Infections with the Zika virus may be present without symptoms. If you have traveled to an area where Zika virus is present, condoms or other barrier protection methods should be used during sex for eight weeks upon return to prevent sexual transmission. Women who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant should discuss with their doctors any travel plans to Zika-affected locations."

Zika can cause symptoms, such as fever, rash, joint pain and pinkeye. Though it's rarely a serious threat, for pregnant women or women who plan to become pregnant, it is serious. Zika can cause birth defects including microcephaly, which causes newborns to be born with heads smaller than normal.

As of Aug, 29, there have been 95 confirmed cases of Zika in the state, according to the health department. There has been no transmission through local mosquitoes.

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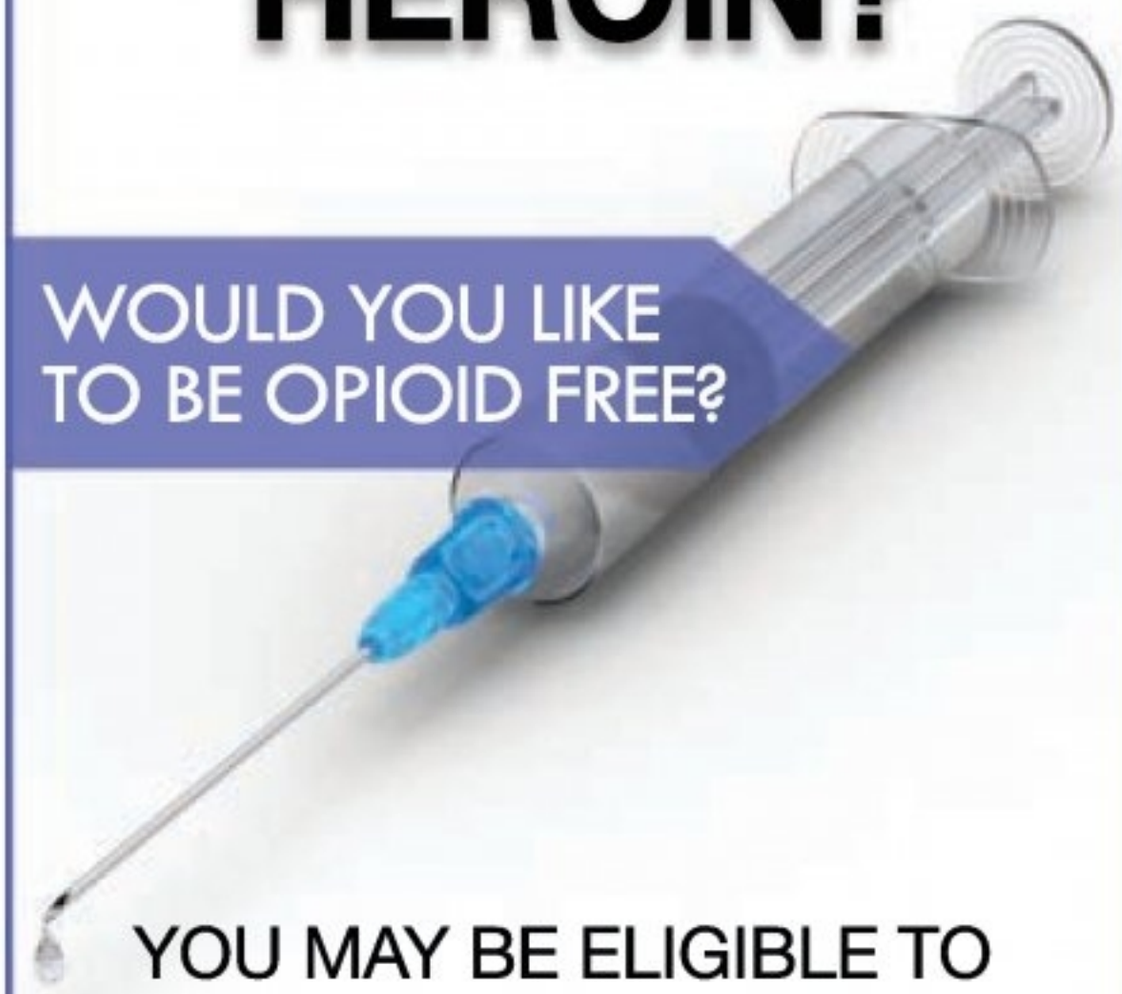

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North Korea says sanctions push after nuclear test 'laughable'

The isolated state on Friday set off its most powerful nuclear explosion to date, saying it had mastered the ability to mount a warhead on a ballistic missile, ratcheting up a threat that its rivals and the United Nations have been powerless to contain.

North Korea said on Sunday a push for further sanctions following its fifth and biggest nuclear test was "laughable", and vowed to continue to strengthen its nuclear power.

A U.S. special envoy met with Japanese officials on Sunday and said later the United States may launch unilateral sanctions against North Korea, echoing comments by U.S. President Barack Obama on Friday in the wake of the test.

"The group of Obama's running around and talking about meaningless sanctions until today is highly laughable, when their 'strategic patience' policy is completely worn out and they are close to packing up to move out," state-run KCNA news agency cited a North Korean foreign ministry spokesman as saying in a statement later on Sunday.

"As we've made clear, measures to strengthen the national nuclear power in quality and quantity will continue to protect our dignity and right to live from augmented threats of nuclear war from the United States," KCNA added.

Earlier, the South's

Kim Jong-Un GETTY IMAGES

Yonhap news agency reported South Korea's military had a plan to use its missiles to "decimate" areas of Pyongyang if there were signs the North was about to launch a nuclear attack, quoting a source in the military.

The South's Defence Ministry could not immediately confirm the report, but the military has vowed to take strong actions to retaliate in the event of an attack by the North. REUTERS

Court sources: France arrests boy, 15, for planning 'imminent' Paris attack

A 15-year-old boy has been arrested in Paris suspected of preparing imminent "violent action," two judicial sources said, the second alleged plot with links to Islamic State discovered in France this week.

Last Sunday, a car loaded with gas cylinders was found near Notre Dame cathedral and jerricans of diesel, leading to the discovery of a plot to attack a Paris railway station under the direction of Islamic State. Seven people, including four women, were arrested.

The boy had been under house arrest since France declared a state emergency after Nov. 13 attacks in Paris in which Islamic State militants killed 130 people, two sources said on condition of anonymity. They did not say why he was under

Paris, France GETTY IMAGES

house arrest.

His arrest on Saturday came as he was planning an attack in a public place in the French capital, one of the sources said.

The second source said the boy had been in contact with suspected French Islamist militant Rashid Kassim and that Kassim also guided one of the women arrested last week in the plot to attack a train station in Paris.

French newspaper Le Monde reported that Kassim is in Syria. He has used Telegram, the messaging service, to call for more attacks in France.

"Women, sisters, go on, attack. Where are the brothers? … She brandished a knife and she hit a policeman … Where are the men?" Le Monde quoted a message of Kassim on Telegram.

One of the women arrested on Thursday stabbed a police officer during her arrest on Thursday.

One of the women who was arrested with her partner on a motorway on Tuesday, Ornella G., was formally placed under investigation on Saturday in connection with the car found last Sunday near Notre Dame cathedral.

The man was freed on Saturday.

One of the sources said Kassim, 29, inspired two men who carried out an attack in July in a French church during which they slit the throat of the elderly priest. REUTERS

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Battling pneumonia, Clinton falls ill at 9/11 memorial

Clinton, 68, was taken to her daughter Chelsea's home in Manhattan, and emerged later wearing sunglasses and telling reporters that she was "feeling great."

Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton, diagnosed with pneumonia, became overheated and fell ill at a Sept. 11 memorial ceremony in an episode that renewed focus on her health less than two months before U.S. voters to elect their next president.

Clinton had a medical examination when she got back to her home in Chappaqua, New York, according to a campaign aide. Her doctor, Lisa Bardack, said in a statement that she has been experiencing a cough related to allergies and that an examination on Friday showed that she was suffering from pneumonia.

"She was put on antibiotics and advised to rest and modify her schedule. While at this morning's event, she became overheated and dehydrated. I have just examined her and she is now re-hydrated and recovering nicely," Bardack said.

The 68-year-old Clinton abruptly departed the high-profile, televised event in New York City earlier Sunday and a video on social media appears to show her swaying and her knees buckling before she is helped into a motorcade event.

She was taken to her daughter Chelsea's home in Manhattan and emerged around two hours later on a warm and muggy morning, wearing sunglasses and telling reporters that she was "feeling great."

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio speaks to Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton during a memorial service at the National 9/11 Memorial on Sunday in New York City. GETTY IMAGES

The video came from an unverified Twitter account under the name Zdenek Gazda, who did not respond to a request for comment. The Clinton campaign did not respond to repeated requests for comment about the authenticity of the video.

Political strategists said the campaign should confront the health issue head-on to tamp down any concerns, particularly as Republican rival Donald Trump and some of his high-profile supporters have repeatedly argued that she lacked the "stamina" to battle adversaries abroad.

"The bottom line is the Clinton campaign is going to have to be completely forthright about Clinton's health," said Bud Jackson, a Virginia-based Democratic strategist.

Jackson suggested that "it would not be a bad move" if the campaign released more information in a crucial time of the race in which conservatives have touted conspiracies about Clinton's health.

They have implied in recent weeks that Clinton's coughing spells on the campaign trail were a sign of deeper problems.

Past presidential candidates have released much more detailed information about their health than either Trump, 70, or Clinton.

For example, John McCain, the failed 2008 Republican presidential nominee, allowed reporters to see 1,173 pages of medical records after concerns were raised about a cancer scare.

Republican strategist Art Hackney of Alaska, who chaired former President George W. Bush's campaigns there, doubted Sunday's health scare will fade away quickly, saying that the Trump campaign "will milk it."

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Families remember 9/11 victims 15 years after attacks

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Relatives in the crowd embraced and some held photos of loved ones and signs that read: "Never to be forgotten," "We miss you" and "Gone too soon."

A firefighter stands at a bell during a memorial service at the 9/11 memorial Sunday in New York City. GETTY IMAGES

Americans remembered the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on Sunday at a ceremony marking 15 years, with the recital of their names, tolling church bells and a tribute in lights at the site where New York City's massive twin towers collapsed.

As classical music drifted across the 9/11 Memorial plaza in lower Manhattan, family members and first responders slowly read the names and delivered personal memories of the almost 3,000 victims killed in the worst attack on U.S. soil since the 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Tom Acquarviva's 29-year-old son Paul was one of 658 employees of financial services firm Cantor Fitzgerald who perished after the first plane struck the north tower just below where they worked on the 101st to 105th floors.

"Not a day goes by that we don't remember him," Acquarviva told Reuters.

Angela Checo honored her brother, Pedro Francisco, 35, who was a vice president at investment and wealth manager Fiduciary Trust on the 96th floor of the south tower.

"He was coming down but forgot someone and went back upstairs to save them," Checo said. "That's why he never made it down."

The ceremony paused for six moments of silence: four to mark the exact times four hijacked planes were crashed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon near Washington, D.C., and a Pennsylvania field. The last two record when the North and South towers of the Trade Center crumpled.

It was held by two reflecting pools with waterfalls that now stand in the towers' former footprints, and watched over by an honor guard of police and firefighters.

More than 340 firefighters and 60 police were killed on the that sunny Tuesday morning in 2001. Many of the first responders died while running up stairs in the hope of reaching victims trapped on the towers' higher floors.

At the Pentagon, a trumpet played as President Barack Obama took part in a wreath-laying ceremony.

"Fifteen years may seem like a long time. But for the families who lost a piece of their heart that day, I imagine it can seem like just yesterday," Obama said. REUTERS

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Native Americans celebrate pause of North Dakota pipeline, vow to fight on

The Obama administration temporarily halted construction on federal land of the planned pipeline that has angered the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and asked the company behind the project to suspend nearby work.

Native Americans protesting construction of a North Dakota oil pipeline near land they consider sacred on Saturday quietly celebrated the U.S. government's decision to pause construction on federally owned land, and vowed to press for a full halt to the project.

The move came shortly after a federal judge in Washington, D.C., rejected a request from Native Americans for a court order to block the project.

The government's action reflected the success of growing protests over the proposed $3.7 billion pipeline crossing four states which have sparked a renewal of Native American activism.

The Standing Rock Sioux, whose tribal lands are a half-mile south of the proposed route, say the pipeline would desecrate sacred burial and prayer sites, and could leak oil into the Missouri and Cannon Ball rivers, on which the tribe relies for water.

On Saturday, many activists in Cannon Ball, North Dakota, touted the latest victory, but said its temporary nature meant they would not end their protests, echoing Friday statements by Standing Rock Sioux leaders.

"This could go all winter, and into next summer," said Lance Dorian, spokesman for a group from the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota that has set up camp on the south side of the Cannon Ball River, on Standing Rock land. "We're in it for the long haul."

His tribe had set up big Army-style tents as well as a kitchen.

With prayer and song as well as the occasional drum beat in the background, activists vowed not to leave.

"We won the day," said environmental activist John Wauthen from Tuscaloosa, Alabama. "There's a long fight still ahead of us."

Opposition to the pipeline has drawn support from 200 Native American tribes, as well as from activists and celebrities.

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Flags of Native American tribes from across the U.S. and Canada line the entrance to a protest encampment near Cannon Ball, North Dakota. GETTY IMAGES

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PEACE, POLLS AND PIPELINES

TOM FOREMAN

Opinion

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If you haven't seen those photos of Bill Clinton and Donald Trump hanging out at the golf course, get Googling. No doubt the pics have both campaigns ordering antacids by the case. On the other hand, if you want to know what to watch for this week in politics, read on.

1. GIVE PEACE A CHANCE
Just as the polls were swamping Democrat Hillary Clinton's hopes for a runaway victory (at least for now) she is getting good news from across the ocean. The announcement of a U.S./Russian plan for a cease fire in Syria has given her bragging-rights-by-proxy which she will use to pound Republican Donald Trump. After a week focused on foreign affairs (her strong suit — not his) it's just the kind of success she needed. And if you throw in that a new poll shows public faith in the U.S. economy is up ... hey, it's all good news for the Dems.

2. OILY RULING
The White House rode to a late rescue for the Standing Rock Sioux tribe last week, halting construction on an oil pipeline in North Dakota hours after a court said the work could go ahead. However, the move came after staunch protests by Native Americans and environmentalists, and you can bet pro-business Republicans will accuse the president of playing politics. But watch for the next move and for Clinton to take the real heat. And not just from the right. She was already under fire from lefties for not speaking up ("Paging, Miss Sarandon!") so she'll be hit with questions about the issue if any journalists can get close enough.

3. TRUMP STAYS STEADY
Meanwhile, although Trump excited criticism last week with his bromancing of Vladimir Putin, the candidate is considerably more disciplined lately. He's sticking to the script more often, and sanding down the rough edges on some of his more inflammatory positions. If he keeps that up, he could open the door to a lot of voters who have so far written him off, but who aren't yet thrilled about their alternatives. Hang tight and watch the polls.

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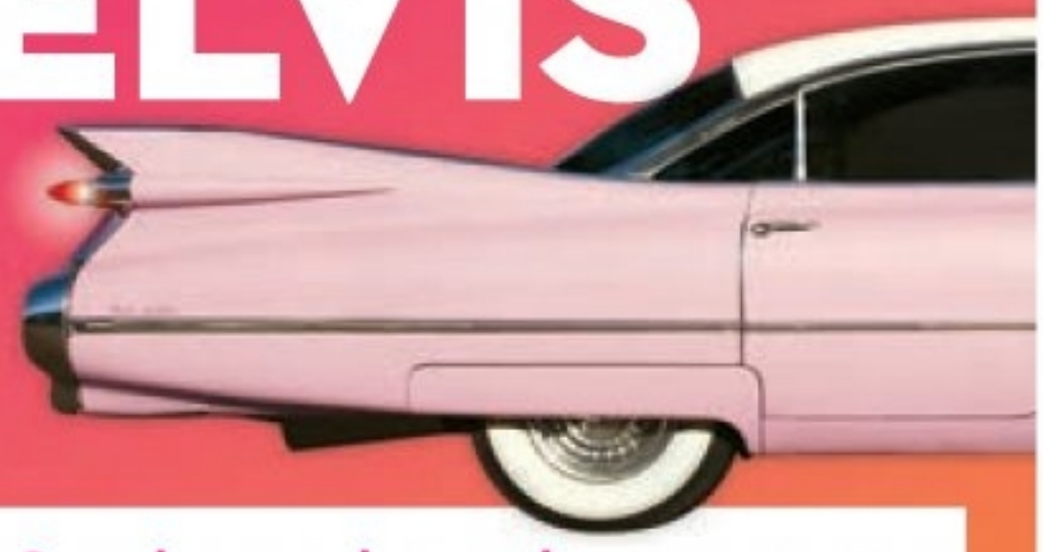

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Thousands protest bullfighting in Spain as calls for ban strengthen

Demonstrators hold a banner reading "I want you alive" in front of "Las Cortes" as thousands of people demonstrate against bullfighting in Madrid. GETTY IMAGES

Several thousand people rallied in Madrid on Saturday to demand a ban on bullfighting, adding their voices to a growing animal rights movement that has prompted some local authorities to clamp down on the centuries-old tradition.

Bullfighting is still common in Spain and the practice retains a loyal following. Some annual events such as the San Fermin bull runs through the crowded streets of the northern city of Pamplona attract many tourists, too.

But a backlash against bullfights and other blood sports is also gaining force, and each year — partly due to a long economic crisis — there has been a decline in the number of corridas, where audiences watch elaborately dressed toreros confront bulls at close range with red capes and swords.

"It makes me sad that some people want to have fun at the expense of another living being. There are other ways to pass the time," said Mari Paz Rojo, 42, an administrative assistant, as she marched through the capital with thousands of other demonstrators.

"We don't want Spaniards to be identified with bullfighting, this is not our national fiesta," she added.

Animal rights political party Pacma said Saturday's rally was the biggest protest to date.

Surveys show public support for bullfighting has waned in recent decades in Spain. An Ipsos Mori poll from January, carried out for animal welfare organization World Animal Protection, found that 19 percent of adults in Spain supported bullfighting, while 58 percent opposed it.

Though Pacma does not have any lawmakers, its share of votes has increased in recent general elections, including in ballots in December and June.

Politically the issue has been divisive. Spain's parliament, under the center-right government of the People's Party, moved to protect bullfighting in 2013, declaring it a cultural asset and enabling it to draw on public funding.

But some regions have cracked down on elements of these festivals, including northeastern Catalonia, which banned bullfighting in 2011.

Madrid's leftist mayor, Manuela Carmena, who took over the city council last year, has withdrawn subsidies for bullfighting schools.

This year participants in one of Spain's most controversial festivals, known as the *Toro de la Vega*, will not be allowed to kill the bull. The event dates back to medieval times and involves hunters on horseback chasing a bull with lances. REUTERS

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Katy Perry wants Taylor Swift to say 'sorry'

Apparently, all you need to do to end a years-long feud with Katy Perry is apologize to her.

On Saturday, the 31-year-old singer decided to answer some of her fans' questions on social media while waiting for a food delivery. When one fan on Twitter asked if she would be collaborating with Taylor Swift, Perry wrote back, "If she says sorry, sure!"

In case anyone forgot, Perry and Swift were quite friendly until 2014 — when Perry allegedly tried to "sabotage" Swift's tour by stealing her backup dancers, Swift said in an interview with Rolling Stone. Then in 2015, Swift put out "Bad Blood," which many fans speculated was about her feud with Perry. And of course, who could forget Calvin Harris' now-deleted Twitter rant, in which he accused Swift of looking for "someone new to try and bury like Katy"?

Now, it looks like Perry is willing to extend an olive branch to her former pal if she apologizes for their beef. Swift has yet to respond — but between her recent breakup with Tom Hiddleston and her never-ending drama with Kanye West and Kim Kardashian, we're thinking the singer should take this opportunity to make amends with Perry and come out with a new hit song in the process.

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Solange Knowles on that Kraftwerk concert drama

"Let me tell you about why black girls / women are so angry," the first in a series of tweets from Solange Knowles reads.

On Friday, the 30-year-old singer took to social media to recount a negative experience she had at the Kraftwerk concert in New Orleans last week. While dancing with her family, a group of four older white women allegedly told Knowles to sit down before throwing a lime at her back.

Knowles — the younger sister of pop star Beyonce — said on Twitter that she wanted to share her experience so people could understand why many people of color feel unsafe "in many white spaces."

She noted that she was among "4 of about 20 black concert goers" out of the approximate 1,500 people at the show.

Knowles also criticized the people who suggested that she may have added to the drama by refusing to sit down. "Nobody goes to the Kraftwerk show with their kid 'looking for "drama"' but that's how u guys like to spin this," she tweeted.

Despite the negative experience, Knowles wasn't going to let four women bring her down — she ended her rant on a positive note, praising the black community of Louisiana and posting a video of herself dancing at the concert, alongside the caption, "Bye haters."

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Kanye West flips off crowd during NYFW performance

Kanye West has a message for all his haters, and it involves his middle finger.

On Friday evening, the 39-year-old recording artist performed a set of five songs at the annual Harper's Bazaar Icons Party — he then flipped off the crowd during his performance of "Runaway," just before addressing the criticism he's received over his controversial Yeezy Season 4 runway show at New York Fashion Week.

"I tried to listen to all the reports and s— and I tried my best to stop trying," West said in reference to the mixed reviews over his fashion line. "But I just couldn't do it! I couldn't stop. No matter what they write, I just couldn't stop." Following his rant, he then dropped the mic and walked off stage early, according to Billboard.

Honestly, what's a Kanye performance without some drama and a rant? We're already looking forward to seeing what Yeezy Season 5 has in store for us.

Highlights from NYFW

TINA CHADHA

Alexander Wang

Alexander Wang had a surprise up his sleeve on Saturday night. The designer debuted his new hush-hush collaboration with Adidas Originals following his fashion show. Here's everything that went down.

The runway

The spring collection kicked off with some boardroom-meets-boudoir basics (cropped white shirts; pinstriped tap pants; sexy, lace-trimmed blazers) before heading to the beach. The surfers and skate punks who run this seaside town prefer distressed jeans, leather board shorts, chill neon parkas and louche bikini tops made from shirting. The show encapsulated all the attitude and youthful rebellion that make Wang's collections so exciting. It was a knockout.

The front row

Zoe Kravitz, Nicki Minaj and, of course, members of the #WangSquad, Tinashe, Kylie Jenner and Tyga sat front row. But the person who stole the spotlight — even from, dare we say, her mom Madonna — was 19-year-old Lourdes Leon.

The after-party

Tommy Hilfiger wasn't the only one with a carnival on his mind. At #Wangfest, as the designer called it, partygoers were treated to mallrat munchies. There were pop-up McDonald's trucks doling out fries and burgers, a 7-Eleven kiosk with Slurpees galore and convenient stores setup with all the Skittles and Snickers fashion folks could fit in their bags.

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Christian Siriano tackles runway diversity

Christian Siriano is on fire. Michelle Obama wore one of his dresses during her speech at the Democratic National Convention; the designer launched a bridal and plus-size collection earlier this year, and the 30-year-old just presented a spring show of chic cocktail dresses and stunning, colorful gowns to rave reviews. But the big talker this season: his diverse model lineup. In a Fashion Week that kicked off with a scathing op-ed in the Washington Post by another "Project Runway" alum, Tim Gunn, criticizing the industry on its lack of options for average-size women, it was both refreshing and reassuring to see a designer step up. Not only did Siriano cast models of various sizes, but he featured an ethnically diverse lineup, as well. We caught up with Siriano right after his show.

Why did you decide to include plus-size models in this season?
It was all about diversity this year. We wanted different ethnicities and women of all shapes and sizes. I just think that's what's happening right now in the world. There's a lot of hate going on. So it isn't about having plus-size women, it's about celebrating everyone. Fashion is fun and it should be that way.

We loved the glam gowns, tell us about them.
We looked at a lot of vintage photos from the '60s and '70s of Jackie O in Capri on holiday. I was trying to give my customer that perfect holiday — and pack her bags for her.

When did you find out Michelle Obama was going to wear your dress to the DNC?
I was on my sofa watching. At first I didn't even know it was mine, because I was nervous. I was like "that's probably not it, but it looks really similar."

All eyes on Monse

Designers Laura Kim and Fernando Garcia of buzzy label Monse made headlines last week as the new creative force set to take over at Oscar de la Renta next season (the duo actually clocked in over a decade at the storied fashion house). But on Friday, they dazzled showgoers with a collection of deconstructed menswear staples and exquisitely tailored feminine looks. White shirts, pinstripes suits and cargo pants were spliced into glam off-the-shoulder ensembles and eveningwear turned it up with sequins. The collection — bursting with fresh ideas — added a much-needed creative jolt to the show cycle.

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Musiq Soulchild stars in 'Love Jones: The Musical'

The Philly-born singer stars with old local pals in the national tour of "Love Jones."

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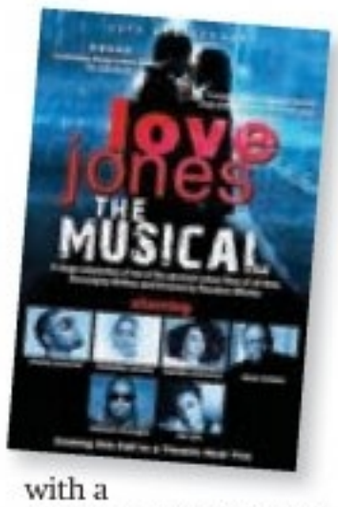

Philadelphia native/nu-soul crooner Musiq Soulchild was 19 years old when screenwriter/director Theodore Witcher's "Love Jones" was released. The hit film about a young black poet falling in love with a talented photographer within the spoken word scene of '90s Chicago gently, smartly and humorously looked at African-American romance. Nearly 20 years later, producer Melvin Childs, playwright Timothy Allen Smith and director Zadia Ife bring audiences "Love Jones: The Musical" with a contemporary take on romance and heartbreak with Soulchild, Chrisette Michele, Marsha Ambrosius, Dave Hollister, MC Lyte and Raheem DeVaughn as its stars. I caught up with Soulchild during rehearsals, before its Philly debut at the Merriam Theatre on Sept. 14.

Being on stage with "Love Jones" is different that you being on stage for a Musiq Soulchild show. Did you aspire to the theatrical stage or traditional musicals growing up?

No. I've been approached about it before, but I wasn't really interested in acting, so I never pursued it. When it did come around this time, it was with an idea — not just the script — that was very much in line with how I came up within the open mic and poetry scene of Philly with musicians, different sorts of artist types of the crows. Plus, there was a big part of what I talk about in my music in "Love Jones" — relationships. Relationships have different levels and different reasons and "Love Jones" had a cool way of looking at things in a more realistic point of view. I liked that.

I'm a big fan of the movie. Were you?

I was, but I should probably watch it again.

Now, since it's a musical, there's a mix of popular hits, new songs and songs from each of the solo artists' catalogs, right?

No, I want you to be surprised, so I'm going to keep that to myself.

OK, what can you hint at?

One of the main things I'm excited about is that it's modernized for the preset day. It has the jargon of now, the social media of today, dating sites, the feel of the present as opposed to 20 years ago.

Nice. You didn't have to use cellphones that were like giant walkie-talkies.

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Why Laura Linney loves Clint Eastwood

The Oscar nominee talks about her small but key role in the director's new film, "Sully."

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In Clint Eastwood's "Sully," Laura Linney plays Lorraine, the wife of Chesley Sullenberger (played by Tom Hanks), the pilot who safely landed a damaged commercial plane in the Hudson River in 2009. WARNER BROS. PICTURES

Laura Linney loves her some Clint Eastwood. Since 1997's "Absolute Power," the actress and filmmaker have worked together thrice: as Sean Penn's Lady Macbethian wife in "Mystic River" and, now, as Lorraine, the wife of hero pilot Chesley Sullenberger (played by Tom Hanks) in "Sully." They've all been small but key roles; in "Sully," she only has a handful of scenes, all of them on the phone with her husband after he's landed a broken commercial aircraft in New York's Hudson River, saving everyone on board. Linney, 52, talks to us about what she learned from the legendary filmmaker/actor and what "Sully" says about experience.

Tell me about the first time you met Clint when you made "Absolute Power."

I remember it vividly. "Absolute Power" was maybe my third big role in a movie. I had been cast because he had seen an early cut of "Primal Fear." So I didn't audition for it. I just got this unbelievable phone call out of the blue. I showed up on set in Baltimore and was taken to meet him. And he turned around and there he was, tall and handsome and kind. On my first day I had to drive a car through a field and then park it at an exact spot, which was stressful. But I somehow managed to get through it OK. But it was a big important day, because I've worked with him three times over the last 20 years.

And you had to deal with his famous habit of only shooting a few takes, which must have been shocking coming from theater.

It's a skill. When I was doing "Absolute Power" I learned that, "OK, in Rome, do as Romans do. Here's an opportunity to learn how to work this way." I learned I had to be as prepared as I could be, so I could be as relaxed as I could be. Then the work can actually happen. Because if you're stressed and nervous, you're not going to do your best work. And if you're not prepared you're going to be nervous. The human response is to tense up. You have to train yourself to do the opposite. I learned how to deal with my own psychology so I can be ready to go for him. I've taken that knowledge with me on every other movie I've done. It helps a lot.

And it's impressive that he made a movie out of this story, which is an event that technically only lasted about an hour, if you count in the rescue mission once the plane had landed. It becomes a movie that explores a lot of Clint's favorite ideas, including the idea of quiet, professional men who seem to be calm and collected but inside are riddled with doubt and anguish. And there's also a confirmation that experience matters. Experience counts — more than a computer simulation, more than an algorithm. Actual human experience is a valuable thing, in a world where it's not valued right now. It just isn't. Everybody likes to belittle the advantages of getting older. But experience is pretty good when you've got it.

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I have some experience. It's good, isn't it? Isn't it nice?

And then there's this idea that even if you're very experienced that you need to change course sometimes, try new things.

Yes. It's the balance between having a sense of experience and still trying to learn — still wanting to be better. If you're too knowing, that's just boring, and you're stunted and you're obnoxious. If you're too open and you negate all of your experience and don't lie back on it, then you're not being authentic to who you are and what you've been through. It's an interesting active state to be in.

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'SAVING PRIVATE RYAN'

Tom Hanks, center, leads an impressive cast as they try to locate Matt Damon in Steven Spielberg's epic "Saving Private Ryan." DREAMWORKS

Do we have to start thinking of Tom Hanks as a relic? Movie stars have been usurped by superheroes at the box office, and apart from his stints in the "Toy Story" series and as symbologist/crime-buster Robert Langdon, our modern Jimmy Stewart has lost some of his once-mighty stature. So while we nervously await how well his Clint Eastwood movie "Sully" does — and see if people will still fork out for dramas that aren't on TV — how about holing up with one of the actor's biggest glories? We honestly haven't watched Steven Spielberg's 1998 war grinder in ages, but the parts that are good (its opening Omaha Beach assault, that epic final battle) are for the ages. And you'll get to grumble about the passing of an era when the number two movie of the summer was a gruesome, tough-nosed, three-hour World War II movie, not just another toon about talking animals.

'HIGH-RISE'

Tom Hiddleston gets dirty in "High-Rise," a flawed but noble movie version of J.G. Ballard's 1975 novel. MAGNOLIA PICTURES

The movie of J.G. Ballard's darkly funny "High-Rise" should have been the perfect film for 2016. The novel, hailing from 1975, drops in on the denizens of a fab new apartment building, whose gradual decay causes its inhabitants to turn to tribalism, murder, even dog-eating. And here we are right now, most of us letting our ids get unlocked by the internet, some of us even letting a madman candidate activate our worst instincts. Alas, the latest from Ben Wheatley ("Sightseers") isn't the perfect film for 2016. It doesn't quite get the novel. But that, if you will, is OK. The film works as its own crazy, mischievous thing, with Tom Hiddleston, Elisabeth Moss and Sienna Miller leading the pack as richies who leap full-tilt boogie into chaos and destruction. Ballard deserves something even bleaker, but Wheatley has a knack for the kind of darkly comic sight gags that would have made even the gloomy author chortle.

'TRUE GRIT'

There are too few classics living on Netflix these days, so good news! The "True Grit" that dwells there now isn't the one by the Coen brothers but the one that nabbed John Wayne his Oscar. Granted, the first stab at Charles Portis' novel isn't the best of the two; the Coens really did improve on the 1969 version, starting with replacing stiff Glen Campbell with a hilarious Matt Damon.

But Jeff Bridges could only ever be the equal, if that, of Wayne's take on Rooster Cogburn — a grizzled lawman who helps a young woman (here Kim Darby) find the psycho who killed her father. The Duke's Academy Award may have been a reward for a lifetime of awesomeness. But don't underestimate his fine work here, in which he continued to find nuances in his shtick.

John Wayne didn't win his Oscar for "The Quiet Man" or "The Searchers," but for "True Grit," a fine 1969 adaptation of Charles Portis' novel. MOVIEPIX, GETTY IMAGES

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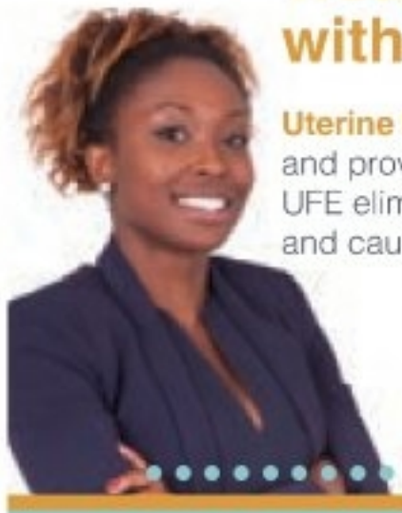

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Margo Martindale loves being a character actress

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The prolific actress talks about her new indie "The Hollars" and "BoJack Horseman" fans.

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Margo Martindale has a helluva laugh. When she has a really big one, her head slams forward then back again. The actress — or, in the parlance of "BoJack Horseman," on which she voices a crazy, bazooka-toting version of herself, "character actress" — can be scary or scarily efficient on shows like "Justified" or "The Americans." But in person she's closer to the nicer characters, like the one she plays in the new indie dramedy "The Hollars." Directed by and starring John Krasinski, it follows a family whose matriarch (played by Martindale) discovers she has a possibly fatal brain tumor. But her character doesn't go quietly.

Margo Martindale (with Richard Jenkins) plays a woman keeping up good spirits after being diagnosed with a brain tumor in "The Hollars." SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

First things first: I have to admit I didn't know you were a longtime New Yorker. I'm sure you've seen a lot of change over 40 years.

Tremendous change. There were pimps and whores on my block when I moved there. They're not there anymore. I had a lot of propositions from this pimp on my block. And I was very flattered. But I decided I wasn't going to go work for him. [Laughs] I think I even remember the guy's name: It was Harbo.

I wanted to ask about "BoJack Horseman" and all the people now calling you "Character Actress Margo Martindale" to your face. How do you feel about that?

I feel really great. I love it. Somebody stopped me on the street the other day and said, "Are you Character Actress Margo Martindale?" I said, "You recognized me from my cartoon?" [Laughs]

At least it's a great thing to be called.

The thing that's so bizarre is that I've always thought: What is acting except for character acting? If you're not character acting, then you're just not really acting. Because every part is a character.

It also means you haven't been typecast. "The Hollars" is a rare chance for you to play a nice mom.

My friend Patty called her a graceful mother — which she didn't think she'd ever see me play. [Laughs]

One of the first times I noticed you, after "Million Dollar Baby," was the Alexander Payne short you starred in from "Paris Je T'aime." You play a tourist in Paris badly speaking French. How close to home was that?

Alexander asked me, "Do you speak French?" I said, "Not a word." He said, "Even better."

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Cinemug will screen 'Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory' this week

Last week, movie fans around the world mourned the passing of the iconic actor Gene Wilder, who succumbed to Alzheimer's disease at the age of 83 at his home in Connecticut. With a career that spanned over 50 years and included forays into television, books and of course film, it is difficult to find someone in any generation who was not entertained by his work.

Gene Wilder as Willy Wonka and Peter Ostrum as Charlie Bucket. GETTY IMAGES

To many generations of children, Wilder will forever be associated with the role of Willy Wonka, that peculiar chocolatier who saw his confectionery genius brought to life inside a psychedelic fantasy land in "Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory." While the movie failed to impress audiences in its 1971 release, TV and the home video market ensured that it got the recognition that it so rightfully deserved in the subsequent decades. Forty-five years after the Candyman opened his doors to pure imagination, movie buffs are still paying homage, including right here in Philadelphia.

On Thursday, Sept. 15, Cinemug on Broad Street in South Philadelphia will screen "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" as part of its weekly movie series.

"This is a great way to honor Gene Wilder," Cinemug manager Dan Creskoff said. "Willy Wonka was a favorite of mine growing up; I remember watching it every year on TV. Today, everyone knows the songs, so I hope that we have everyone singing along."

Since its opening in 2015, Cinemug has made quite an impression in the surrounding neighborhood, not only with its offering of coffees, teas and assorted sweets, but also its 1,600-title strong video library. In addition to fueling its movie series every Thursday night, these titles are also available for rental. As the video rental market is what helped keep Gene Wilder's musical classic in the hearts of kids for years and years, it is only fitting that one of the last bastions of video rental pays homage to the work with the honorary screening.

Tickets for "Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory," as well as all of Cinemug's Thursday night movie screenings, are only $5 and available on Eventbrite. Creskoff urges fans to act fast, as this event will certainly sell out faster than the latest case of Wonka Bars. MIKE FENN

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Going back to school can be intimidating, but there are plenty of resources for seasoned students.

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As students across the country head back to college in the coming weeks, some may be surprised to learn that fresh-faced high school grads aren't the only group entering universities this fall. Students 25 and older made up roughly 40 percent of all college and graduate students in 2009 — and by 2020, 9.6 million older students are expected to head back to campus, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

"When you are returning back to school, everyone is in the same boat," says Dani Babb, a college instructor and CEO of The Babb Group, which helps online professors find job opportunities. "I teach returning students and I'd say the average age of my students is 39. The oldest student I've ever had was 82."

Seasoned students who took time off from school and now have ample real world experience often have unique concerns. Babb shared her tips for readers who are getting ready to return to the classroom — and finally finish that degree.

Explore programs designed for returning students

"There are a lot of programs now that are geared towards adults," says Babb. "Also, the instructors tend to be used to seasoned students; we know what the students are going through." Babb suggests asking the schools you are interested in about programs for returning students. Often, universities have extension programs for adult students.

Brush up on your time management skills

One of the biggest mistakes Babb sees returning students make is underestimating the time it takes to finish assignments. "Especially with online classes, students think, 'Oh, I'll just type something up and hand it in,'" says Babb. "But actually, the amount of work required to finish an online class is greater" than what's required of an on-campus course.

Talk to your boss

Balancing school and a full-time job is tough for even the most organized student. "The more you can explain your degree as workplace applicable, the better," Babb notes. Before you chat with your direct supervisor, head to your human resources department. "Find out if your company has a policy for [tuition] reimbursement. What generally happens is that students have to get a certain grade to get reimbursed." Even if your workplace doesn't have a tuition reimbursement program, Babb says she has seen companies use money earmarked for training used toward an employee's classes.

Get your family onboard

One of the biggest obstacles returning students face is balancing parenthood and other family obligations with their studies. "I have had students who were taking two or three classes go down to one," says Babb, noting that they needed to spend more time with their families. "One thing I tell students is to make sure you have family or friends who are fully supportive of what you are doing." Babb suggests making a point of regularly talking about your classes and goals with your family. "I think it's a good idea to share your homework with your spouse and have both of you learn together."

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How to deal with a toxic employee

One unhappy person can infect an entire workplace with negativity and anger.

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It's every manager's worst nightmare: One of your team members has suddenly turned toxic.

"I define a toxic employee as somebody who is very unhappy in their career, and is often angry and frustrated at work," says Michelle Mazur, a communication consultant based in Seattle. "That person can then infect all of the other people in the office. It is like a disease."

We asked Mazur for her tips on dealing with toxic employees.

Clear the air

"The first thing to do is acknowledge that you have a problem, and that it isn't going to go away," says Mazur. "Approach the situation with compassion, especially if they were a good employee in the past." Mazur notes that simply asking, "You don't seem very happy. Is everything OK?" can go a long way.

Create a work plan

Mazur suggests putting together a performance plan with clear goals so that you and the employee can both figure out a plan for getting back on track. "The person might be bored because they are not being challenged. You have to ask if they are still a good fit." Creating benchmarks and deadlines is also a good way to ensure both you and your employee are clear on goals and expectations.

Consider how new hires fit into your culture

It's easier to weed out toxic employees during the hiring process than it is to get rid of them once they're through the door. Mazur knows of what she speaks. "I am more of a free spirit, and I found myself in a job that was a bad fit and more corporate. I was the toxic one," she says, recalling a position early on in her career.

When interviewing prospective new employees, Mazur suggests doing a "gut check" on whether you can envision the person in your office. "Is this a person I would like to travel with?" Mazur asks. "Are there any signs of negativity when they talk about their previous employer?" Mazur notes that while everyone is on their best behavior during an interview, employers should ask questions that give insight into how employees behave in day-to-day situations.

Avoid commiserating with toxic co-workers

Mazur also cautions employees against letting toxic co-workers to latch onto them. "They probably do want to talk about what's wrong and how they were slighted," Mazur notes. Be firm and backing away. "Just say, 'I get it, you are angry. You are upset. But we have a job to do. I am not interested in the drama.'"

Cut ties — as a last resort

Firing people who previously contributed a great deal is never easy. "But sometimes, if the situation is too far gone, the nicest thing you can do is let them go," says Mazur. "If you've had multiple conversations and put a plan into place and you still see no change, you've done everything that you could."

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3 Reasons the Eagles, Carson Wentz prevailed over the Browns in Week 1

The Eagles looked thoroughly impressive in their opening win against Cleveland.

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Carson Wentz posted a 101.0 passer rating, the highest mark by an Eagles rookie QB since John Reaves in 1972. GETTY IMAGES

Welcome Carson Wentz.

Things couldn't have gone better for the Eagles in the debut of their rookie quarterback as the Birds pieced together a convicting, well-rounded 29-10 victory over the Browns to open the 2016 NFL season.

Perhaps it was a nod from the schedule gods as Cleveland proved to be a true cupcake and a perfect opponent for Philly to start its year against. But the team made believers of everyone at Lincoln Financial Field and watching at home Sunday. Here are the three things we noticed most in the win.

1 The ways of Wentz

The opening drive was one the second-overall pick out of North Dakota State will always remember. The QB raced down the field, completing four of five passes for 57 yards as the Eagles marched down field to take an early 7-0 lead.

Wentz was a little less stellar in the ensuing drives, but got it together to end the first half as a potent two-minute drill added a field goal to take a 13-7 lead into the locker room.

In a third quarter drive, a gorgeous rainbow pass completion to Nelson Agholor was a 35-yard score to add to the stat line — one that read 278 yards on 22 out of 37 attempts and two touchdowns. He also had no turnovers.

Wentz picked out a favorite receiver in Jordan Matthews, who led the way for Philly with seven catches for 114 yards.

2 In defense of the defense

Sure, the Eagles defense had high expectations, but it more or less lived up to the hype Sunday afternoon holding the Browns to 10 points and 288 yards (compared to Philadelphia's 400). Many of these yards came on a few fluke plays, like a lapse in coverage by Leodis McKelvin in the second quarter when the Browns scored their first touchdown, or a failure to find the ball on a deep ball to Corey Coleman in the second half.

Fletcher Cox had a sack, Rodney McLeod had an interception and the unit gave the Eagles a great opportunity to win the game.

They were also greatly lifted by punter Donnie Jones, who repeatedly pinned the Browns deep in their own end helping the Eagles to dominate in the field position battle.

> *"He didn't play like a rookie today by any means."*
> Zach Ertz

3 Another stellar debut

Doug Pederson might have been the MVP of the game for Philly. He scripted the first drive to perfection — just like his mentor Andy Reid used to do.

He put Wentz in great position to succeed, trusted his rookie to complete a key fourth down pass in the third quarter at midfield that led to a touchdown and stuck with the running game, mixing together all three backs as the Eagles picked up 130 yards on the ground. A third touchdown, scored on the ground by Mathews in the fourth quarter served as the punctuation to a big win.

The team benefited from a few bounces of good luck: Like the time a snap went over Robert Griffin III's head for a safety in the back of the end zone.

In all, Pederson exceeded expectations as the Eagles prevailed in Week 1.

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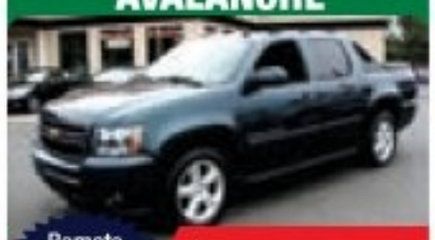
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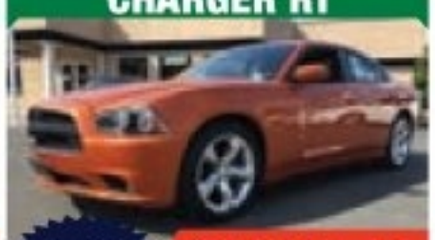
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NFL Roundup: Raiders outlast Saints in thriller, Chiefs win in OT to kick things off

Week 1's early games did not lack drama.

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Derek Carr and the Raiders somehow outgunned Drew Brees and the Saints Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

Here's a look at the early games from Week 1 NFL action:

Raiders 35, Saints 34
Michael Crabtree had 87 yards receiving and caught a game-winning two-point conversion with 47 seconds left against the Saints. It was a shootout in New Orleans as the Raiders and Saints combined for 995 yards of total offense.

Buccaneers, 31 Falcons 24
Jameis Winston (23/33, 281, 4 TD, INT) moved to 3-0 against the Atlanta Falcons in his young career, as the Buccaneers became the only team in the NFC South to start the season with a win.

Ravens 13, Bills 7
The Ravens defense showed its old defensive coordinator Rex Ryan how it's done Sunday, holding the Bills to 160 yards of total offense and one score. That defensive performance and a 66-yard strike from Joe Flacco (23/34, 258, TD) were enough to pull out the victory against Buffalo.

Texans 23, Bears 14
First round draft pick Will Fuller led the Texans with five catches for 107 yards and a touchdown. Lamar Miller had 106 yards rushing, and familiar face DeAndre Hopkins caught Brock Osweiler's (22/35, 231, 2 TD, INT) other touchdown pass.

Packers 27, Jaguars 23
The Jaguars outgained the Packers 348 yards to 294, but in a game where both teams stalled often in the red-zone the Packers found paydirt more often. Aaron Rodgers (20/34, 199, 2 TD) threw for two touchdowns and ran for another.

Chiefs 33, Chargers 27 (OT)
With just over a minute left in the game Spencer Ware scampered into the end zone and the ensuing extra point saw the game tied. In overtime, Alex Smith (34/48, 363, 2 TD, INT) found the endzone on the ground to put the win away on the Chiefs' first drive.

Bengals 23, Jets 22
Ryan Fitzpatrick (19/35, 189, 2 TD, INT) was intercepted by Josh Shaw in the final minute, sealing a victory for Cincinnati in a game that was close throughout.

Vikings 25, Titans 16
Sam Bradford sat behind Shaun Hill (18/33, 236) Sunday and after the Titans took a 10-0 lead in the first quarter, two defensive touchdowns and four Blair Walsh field goals made up a 25-point Viking run that put the Titans to bed.

To build chemistry, Wentz listened to Kanye, Matthews to Aldean

Carson Wentz GETTY IMAGES

To really know a man, walk a day in his shoes.

Eagles wide receiver Jordan Matthews didn't have that kind of time. His new starting quarterback, Carson Wentz, spent the entire preseason either injured or playing with the third team, so he needed to create some chemistry with the rookie QB after he was shockingly named the starter in the wake of Sam Bradford's last minute trade last week.

So he had an idea.

"I really like music," Matthews said at the end of his news conference Sunday, minutes after finishing a seven-catch, 114-yard performance. "I don't really get into TV. I was like, 'What do you all listen to out in North Dakota? I don't know any rappers from North Dakota.' He said his favorite album was from Jason Aldean. I went to school in Nashville, so I heard of Jason. It was the 'Dirt Road Anthem' album. I thought, 'If I'm going to learn this guy's mindset, I have to listen to his music.' I listened to the whole album and it was pretty good. There's a song on there called 'Fly Over States,' and it made sense because where he lives is a 'fly-over state.' I've never been to North Dakota so I got a feel for who he is. He's a humble guy from North Dakota and I'm a humble guy from Alabama. The bottom line is that I got to know him a little bit through that. I told him that if I listen to Jason Aldean, he has to listen to a Kanye [West] album. You have to know who I am."

Between countless conversations about how to handle man coverage looks (many of which the two of them saw as Wentz threw for 278 yards and two scores in his NFL debut) to extra reps in practice, perhaps it was their bonding over music that got them on the same page.

And that page led the Eagles to a 29-10 victory to open the NFL season.

"The bottom line is I got to know him a bit after that," Matthews said. "And I was like, if I am gong to listen to Jason Aldean, you have to listen to Kanye. So I made him listen to 'Graduation.'"

Matthews, at the end of his presser, didn't know for sure if Wentz had done his homework and listened to Kanye. But the media wasted no time in doing its due diligence to find out.

"Between Jordan and I, we were giving each other a little crap about music," Wentz said. "Kanye is good too, but I like my country first." EVAN MACY

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Villanova proud of hard-fought win as Talley passes Holtz on win list

The Wildcats' outgoing head coach reached the milestone of 250 wins Saturday.

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"The head coach technically gets all the accolades, but it's really a group of people that make that right." Andy Talley

Most of Andy Talley's 250 wins over 32 years at Villanova haven't been as nerve-wracking as this.

He didn't have to close his eyes whenever his team attempted to kick an extra point or field goal fearing the worst — and usually be right. He didn't need his defense, which was being picked apart by a quarterback who seemed to move the ball at will, to come up with a big defensive stand at the end. And he didn't need his quarterback, more adept at running the ball than throwing it, and a running back who missed half of last season to come through late to save the day.

But all that happened in Nova's 26-21 win over the Lehigh Saturday, moving Talley past Lou Holtz into 26th place on the all-time list, as the Wildcats bounced back from a 28-7 opening game loss to Division 1 Pitt. Ironically, he didn't realize he was on the verge of the milestone until they presented him the game ball afterwards.

"It's a nice round figure and it kind of goes along with my last year here to be able to be in that rare air that's with the guys with 250 wins," said Talley, who announced Jan. 13 he'd be stepping down after this season, handing the reins over to longtime assistant head coach, Mark Ferrante. "I've been really blessed to stay at this school long enough with an administration and a group of athletes over time that could help you accumulate 250 victories."

His players were thrilled to have done their part.

"I'm just happy we got it done for Coach Talley," said Javon White, who ran for 155 yards and two touchdowns. "He's done so much for this football program over his time here. He's worked hard and he deserves it."

As rewarding as it was the coach, it probably meant more for the 5-foot-11, 205 pound senior White, who broke his left fibula midway through last season at Towson and sat out the rest of the way. After playing sparingly his first two seasons, then red-shirting in 2014, he had come on as a junior to rush for 395 yards and two scores.

"It was tough sitting out," White said. "It feels good to be back out there."

Talley had to be patient with his team, hoping they'd snap out of a first half 14-6 funk.

"You have to have the ability to fight back, and I liked seeing that because I don't know that about this team yet," Talley said. "We have senior leaders. They're not demonstrative. They decided to pull everybody up by their bootstraps. It was good to see."

What wasn't good to see were two extra points and a field goal veer off course, a situation Talley termed "almost embarrassing." And he knows they can't afford to have a team pick apart his secondary with a short passing game like Lehigh's Nick Shafnisky did, though they managed to stop the Mountain Hawks' late drive at the 16.

But if White can build on this one and quarterback Zack Bednarczyk can find some consistency throwing the ball, Talley's final year might not turn out so bad.

Next comes Towson, a game which carries a little bit extra weight for White.

"I do have some revenge to get," admitted White. "I'm looking forward to this game."

So is Talley, who only hopes No. 251 comes a bit easier than this.

The Wildcats are back in action next week against Towson. GETTY IMAGES

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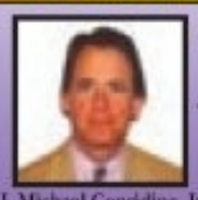

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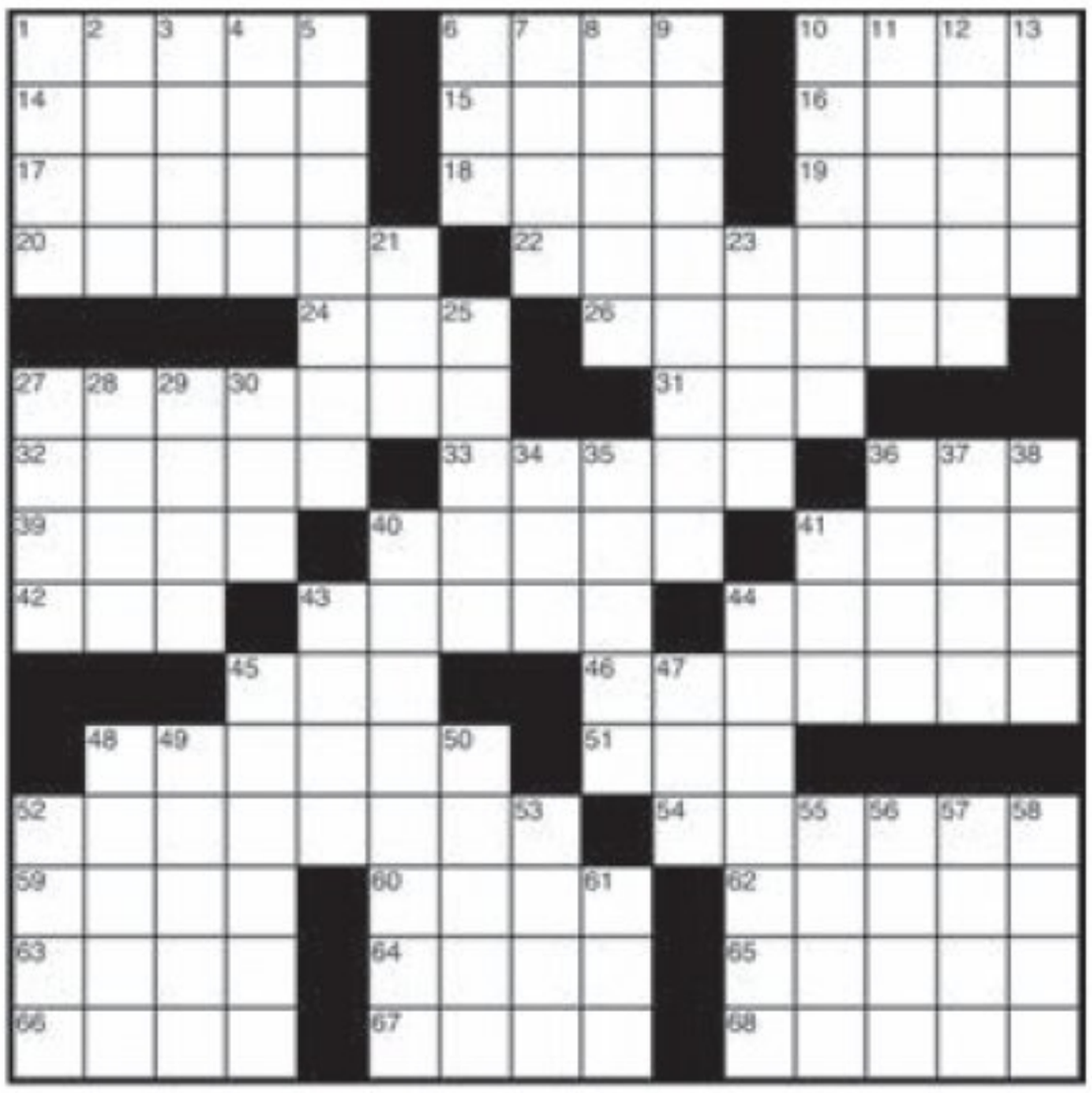

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Aries Take action and make things happen. Signing contracts, making negotiations and getting things done will make you look good and help you avoid outside interference.

Taurus Learn from the words or actions of others. If you broaden your knowledge, you will get ahead. Share your ideas, but don't offer to do something for nothing.

Gemini Keep an open mind and a closed wallet. Look at investments that will get you ahead, instead of doing so for someone else. Romance will bring you good fortune.

Cancer Don't fear change or novelty. The experience and knowledge you gain and the people you encounter along the way will enhance your life. Trust in your judgment.

Leo You need to put more effort into making personal improvements or doing things with children or someone you love. Make a commitment to bring about positive change.

Virgo Sign up for something that will keep your mind occupied and your emotions stable. If you give in to pressure, you will end up in an unfortunate dispute.

Libra Concentrate on making personal changes and striving to improve in any way you can. Look for opportunities at networking events or industry conferences.

Scorpio Your ability to find solutions and skillfully implement them will result in an opportunity to represent others and promote what you do best.

Sagittarius Make your point clear to avoid mistakes. A positive change to your appearance or to how you approach creative projects or deal with loved ones will pay off.

Capricorn It's mind that will triumph over matter today. Be clear and concise when delivering information. Listen carefully and avoid presumptuous actions.

Aquarius Express your feelings and be willing to compromise and make changes that will encourage a better understanding between you and a loved one.

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